

Independence

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Building Hours and Program Times

June 1-27, 2014

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.
Twilight Tour – Beginning 6/13/14 Daily at 6:00 - Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. *Presented by the Friends of Independence Volunteer Guides.* friendsofindependence.org.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening

Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required. Free tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

Free Quaker Meeting House..... open Wednesday-Sunday..... 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at Noon
Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery. (15 min)
“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” Sat-Sun at 2:00 p.m. (20 min)
Moses Williams created silhouettes by operating an ingenious machine, the physiognotrace. Hear how his skill led to his freedom and see a reproduction of the machine.
“Stories of Struggle” slide show; Sat-Sun at 4:00 p.m. (30 min)
Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America.
The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Special Events and Program Descriptions

June 6 & 7 at 2:00, June 8 at 4:00

Independence Visitor Center Theater

Independence Hall and History of Gay Rights in Philadelphia – on July 4th 1965 demonstrators marched across the street from Independence Hall calling attention to the discrimination facing the gay and lesbian community. These protests marked some of the first organized gay rights demonstrations in the United States. Join a Park Ranger for a slide program about the LGBT movement’s roots at Independence Hall. A representative from the William Way LGBT Community Center will also be present to answer questions. (1 hour)

June 14 9:00-6:00

National Constitution Center and Independence Hall

Flag Day – Join the National Park Service, the United States Army, the Philadelphia Flag Day Association, the City of Philadelphia and the National Constitution Center to celebrate the birthday of the United States Army and Flag Day. The event begins at the National Constitution Center at 9:00 with a variety of historical and modern army units processing through Independence Mall to a flag raising ceremony in front of Independence Hall at 10:00. Commander-in-Chief George Washington will read the historic proclamation creating the United States Army. After the ceremony visitors can enjoy birthday cake and view exhibits and modern US Army tactical vehicles at locations throughout the Mall.

June 15 at 3:00

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

Happy (Founding) Father’s Day – Have you ever wondered about the family lives of the Founding Fathers? What did their wives and children think of their political activities? Join a park ranger and learn about the sacrifices and hardships facing the families of the Founder’s as these Fathers forged a new nation. (30 minutes)